

From the Editors

We are pleased to begin the year with a collection of papers that are sure to be of interest to a wide readership. As ever, the range of subject matter included in this issue is a reflection of the natural world as a whole, as well as of the diverse interests of the journal and its readership.

Papers on aspects of the plant world (Meagher, Muller, Johnston, Hill and Pickering, White and Gibson); birds (Murphy, Overeem and Wallis); snakes (Clemann *et al.*); and fungi (Schleiger), together with reviews of recently published works in an equally-wide spectrum of areas, ensure that this issue caters to most tastes. The reviews may trend to books on various elements of vegetation, but there is also something on photography and history – all within the ambit of the natural world.

We were saddened by the sudden passing of a former President of the FNCV, Dr Jack Douglas, in February, and a tribute to him is included in the pages of this issue.

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